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Department of Aging Sponsoring Election of Kansas NSHC Delegates

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) -- The Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature are sponsoring the election of Kansas delegates to the National Silver Haired Congress (NSHC) on Tuesday, March 18, 2003. Elections for one Silver Senator and 4 Silver Representatives to the NSHC will be held at locations throughout Kansas. The Area Agencies on Aging will publish these locations prior to the election.

To be eligible to serve in the NSHC, you must reside in the state of Kansas, be at least 60 years old, and a registered voter.

Membership in the NSHC provides an invaluable experience in the political process. Delegates from across the nation meet in Washington, D.C. for a five-day session in which they debate and vote on measures passed by various committees. Bills that pass the Silver-Haired Congress are presented to the U.S. Congress, the Office of the President and the Administration on Aging as recommendations for national policy.

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Previous political experience is not necessary, only a desire to become involved and to contribute time and effort to represent the interests of older Kansans on a national level. An intent form secures nomination and a petition signed by 100 persons aged 60 or older from the district in which you are running, or by the intent form and submission of a \$25 filing fee in lieu of the petition.

In Kansas, candidates are elected for Silver Senator or Silver Representative from the congressional district in which they reside. There are two statewide senatorial positions, but only one is open for election. All four representative positions are open for election to eligible candidates who reside in those districts. Elected delegates may serve in the NSHC for two sessions, however all costs for travel, food and lodging for the annual five-day session must be borne by the candidate or a sponsoring agency.

You may find more information on the National Silver Haired Congress at their web page at <http://www.agingkansas.org/kdoa/legislative/natsilverhleg.htm> or at <http://www.network-democracy.org/socialsecurity/bb/whc/nshc.html>.

If you are interested in being a National Silver Haired Congress and representing the elders in your district, or if you want more information on what the National Silver Haired Congress is and does, please contact **Monica Cissell**, Central Plains AAA, 510 North Main, Rm 502, Wichita, KS 67203, 1-800-367-7298/316-383-7298, Fax 316-383-7757 or by email at mcissell@cpaaa.org to get your candidate registration forms, petitions and filing instructions.

“This is a great opportunity for any Senior Citizen in Sedgwick County to become involved with the issues that are most important to them,” said Commission Chairman Tim Norton.

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